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Exam, fist try 2017, Crosscultural Communication 7.5hp GOOD LUCK !!!

1. Stereotyping is discussed in the book *Communication between cultures*. Take this headline as a start for a discussion about the negative aspects of stereotypes, and how they can be avoided. Start your discussion by explaining what a stereotype is and include examples in your answer. (10 points)

2. The close connection between language and culture is well established. Several examples are given in the book *Communication between cultures* where the authors discuss Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Arabic and English. Your task is to give four examples of how cultural values can be detected in the way four different languages are used in business. Do not forget to motivate your examples. You are free to choose other languages than them mentioned in the book. (13 points)

3.	Explain the concept of " <i>glocalisation</i> " and involve into your answer how does it differ from " <i>globalisation</i> "? (10 points)							

- Explain the phenomenon of "Family and values" in a global context (total 20 points)
 * Take two(2) countries of YOUR choice and comment on the differences about "Family and values" that you know of.
 - * Has the phenomenon changed over time? From the differences that you have identified, explain which ones are pertinent, according to you, in today's **MODERN** human culture.

5.	Explain and discuss the terms "consumerism and planned product obsolescence" and give your own opinion on the impact they could have today and also include the challenges for international businesses in the future. (15 points)							

6.	Explain and relate the theory of Hofstede's dimensions to the cultural environment for TWO COUNTRIES OF YOUR OWN CHOICE ? How do they apply to the country of your choice? Give suitable examples. (22 points)

7. Explain why language is such a crucial key to understand intercultural communication? You could if possible give personal examples to explain your answer. (10 points)